

**Amendment to the Specification:**

At page 1, line 2, please insert the following:

**Cross Reference to Related Applications:**

This application is related to the following co-pending applications, each assigned to the Assignee of the present invention.

Application No. 09/749,279, filed December 26, 2000, entitled "Apparatus For Holding An Optical Element"

Application No. 09/749,281, filed December 26, 2000, entitled "An Apparatus And Method Of Using Flexible Printed Circuit Board In Optical Transceiver Device" (as amended);

Application No. 09/749,283, filed December 26, 2000, entitled "Optoelectronic Mounting Structure";

Application No. 09/749,284 filed December 26, 2000, entitled "Optical Transmitter, Receiver or Transceiver Module";

Application No. 09/749,285, filed December 26, 2000, entitled "Housing And Mounting Structure";

Application No. 09/749,286, filed December 26, 2000, entitled "Optical Power Control System"; and

Application No. 09/749,287, filed December 26, 2000, entitled "Process for Coupling Optical Elements to Optoelectronic Devices".

Please replace the Abstract of the Specification as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

An apparatus and method of attenuating and/or conditioning optical energy for an optical transmitter, receiver or transceiver module is disclosed. An apparatus for attenuating the optical output of an optoelectronic connector including: a mounting surface; an array of optoelectronic devices having at least a first end; an array of optical elements having at least a first end; the first end of the array of optical elements optically aligned with the first end of the array of optoelectronic devices; an optical path extending from the first

end of the array of optoelectronic devices and ending at a second end of the array of optical elements; and an attenuator in the optical path for attenuating the optical energy emitted from the array of optoelectronic devices. Alternatively, a conditioner may be adapted in the optical path for conditioning the optical energy emitted from the array of optoelectronic devices.